

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

**New Claims/Restriction Requirement in Parent Application**

Applicants note that new claims 37-40 were introduced in the parent application (serial no. 09/784,255) in a preliminary amendment dated May 7, 2001 (as claims 41-44). However, these claims were ultimately the subject of a restriction requirement mailed on July 26, 2002, and the claims were withdrawn from further consideration in the parent application.

**Drawings**

Applicants submit with this continuation application the formal drawing submitted in the parent application (serial no. 09/784,255).

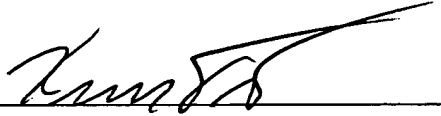
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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